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In re Application of

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For: Wear Assembly for a Digging
Edge of an Excavator

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of September 10, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 74, 75, 81, 86, 108, 109, 111 and 115 to have the following form.

74. (Twice Amended) A wear assembly for an excavator having a lip with a digging edge, the wear assembly comprising:

a boss adapted to be fixed to an excavator lip, the boss including a front structure with an inner surface to be fixed to the lip, the inner surface having a front portion and a rear portion, and being bent so that the front portion extends generally transverse to the rear portion with the rear portion being along a face of the lip and the front portion being along the digging edge, a rear structure having a first shoulder that extends generally away from the digging edge, and a bearing surface;

a wear member including a second shoulder that engages the first shoulder to hold the wear member to the boss and prevent release of the wear member in a direction

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